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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Blood et al (US 6,456,706).
2. In regards to claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 22, and 23, Blood discloses a method for blocking a call to a called line selected by a calling party, said calling party having a calling line identification number, said method comprising: receiving a communication directed to a called line from a calling line; obtaining a calling line identification number for said communication; obtaining a called line identification number for said communication; looking for said calling line identification number in a data store to determine data associated with said calling line identification number concerning calls from the calling line to a called line which are to be blocked; and terminating the call if the data indicates that the call is to be blocked (Abstract, col. 7 lines 26-32, and col. 8 lines 5-14).

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3. In regards to claims 2 and 24, Blood discloses the method, further comprising completing the call if the data associated with the calling line identification number does not indicate that calls to the called line are to be blocked (Abstract).

4. In regards to claims 3 and 8, Blood discloses the method, further comprising always completing a call to an emergency call line (Abstract, col. 2 lines 37-40, and col. 5 lines 16-25).

5. In regards to claims 4 and 7, Blood discloses the method, wherein said data concerning calls to be blocked comprises a list of area codes to which calls are to be blocked (Abstract and col. 8 lines 5-14).

6. In regards to claim 6, Blood discloses the method, wherein said data concerning calls to be blocked comprises all calls (col. 7 lines 26-32).

7. In regards to claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21, Blood discloses the method of activating an outgoing call blocking service, comprising: receiving a predetermined access code from a calling line at a central office associated with the calling line; prompting a caller to provide data concerning calls to be blocked; receiving the provided data; and storing said data in a data store associated with the call blocking service (col. 8 lines 5-14, col. 10 lines 27-32, and col. 11 lines 28-33).

8. In regards to claims 15, 16, 17, and 18, Blood discloses the method of deactivating an outgoing call blocking service, comprising; receiving a predetermined access code from a calling line at a central office associated with the calling line; prompting a caller for an authorization code; retrieving a stored authorization code

associated with said calling line identification number; and comparing the received authorization code with the stored authorization code (col. 8 lines 5-14).

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Brown et al (US 5,535,261) teach a selectively activated integrated real-time recording of telephone conversations. Katz (US 5,917,893) teaches multiple format telephonic interface control system.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

12. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

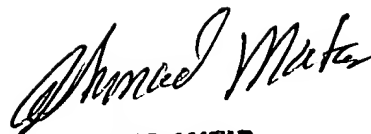
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March 21, 2004

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